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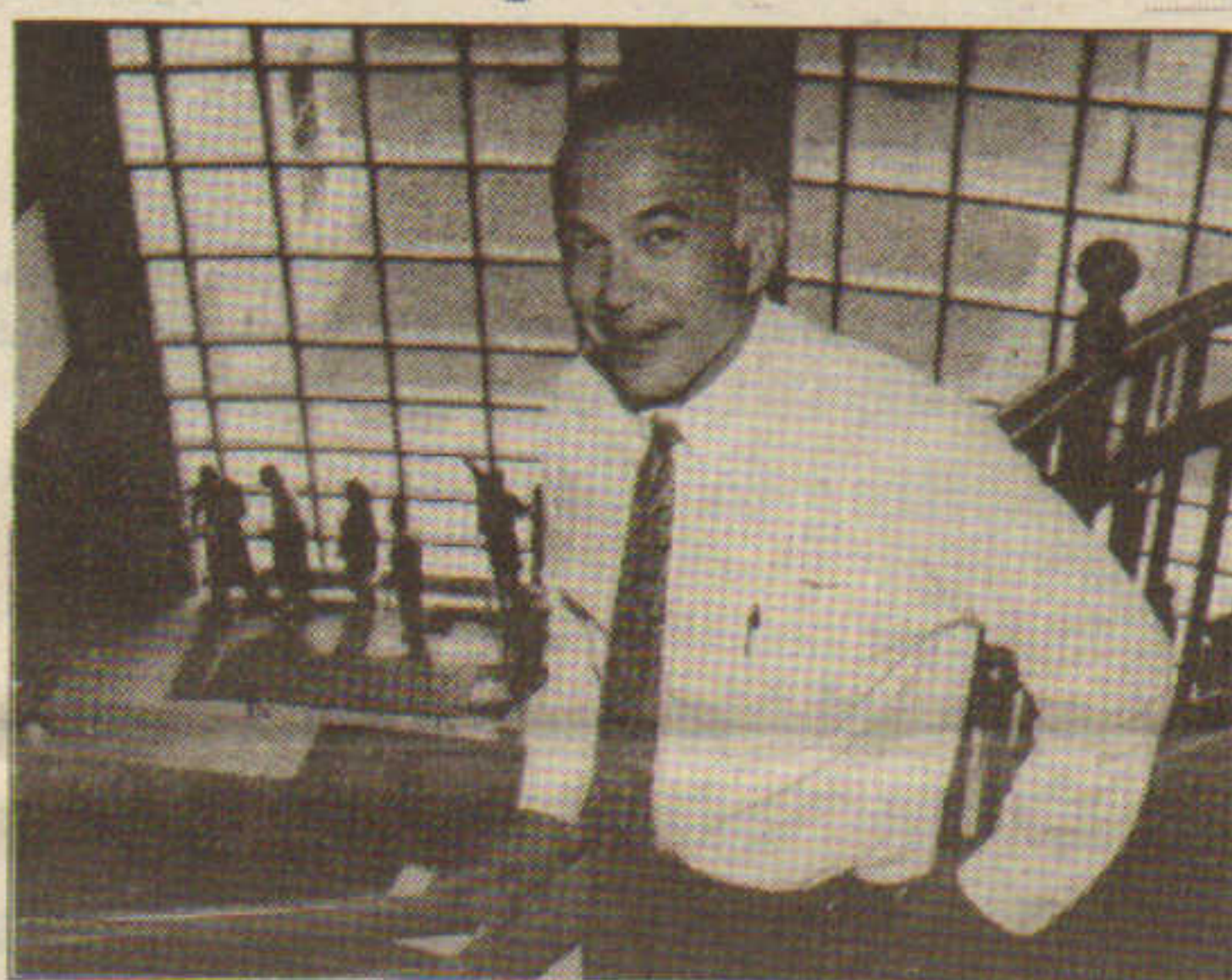
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New campus coming of age in its second year



The Deans Will See You Now—
The college's three deans (clockwise from top) Arthur Howington, Academics; Britt Turner, Technical; Humphrey Lee, Students, look forward to a dynamic new year



By Chris Mink

Was it a dry run in 1997-98? Now that the new school year has begun, the feeling seems to fill the campus that Shelton has, with its second year on its new campus, turned a corner in its manufacture. The smell of the new is wearing off, and students, teachers and administrators are starting to look at just what this baby can do.

Humphrey Lee, dean of students, hopes to activate several standard college activities that became dormant in the last few years because of the move.

“Really the newspaper was the first step in trying to get students more involved in campus activities,” Lee said. “Now we want to get the SGA going again, get the cheerleading program solidified for the sports teams. We are trying to provide a rich learning environment in all ways possible. Now that everything is a bit more calm, we hope to make significant progress.”

The dean of Academics, Arthur Howington, is also excited about the coming year. “It seems like Shelton State always has a lot of new stuff going on. It looks like we have a good student body. We

are going to have an exciting semester.”

Some of the activities the faculty will be concentrating on, according to Howington, go on behind-the-scenes such as a self-study and the implementation of the new curriculum which has been sent down from the Alabama Post-Secondary Department of Education.

Students sometimes do not realize that the Shelton is two colleges in one, with a Technical Division peacefully co-existing with

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Paul Looney ends search for ultimate theatrical gesture

By James A. Crawford II

Now playing at Shelton State: The Life And Times of Paul K. Looney and the Theatre Tuscaloosa.

In 1980, Looney came to Shelton State and Theatre Tuscaloosa with a vision: a facility where he could produce outstanding performances, teach students, create scenery and put his feet up on his desk at the end of the day.

After 18 years, with the opening of the Bean-Brown Theatre at Shelton State, in cooperation with Theatre Tuscaloosa, that vision has become a reality.... Now It's showtime!

“When I first came to Shelton State in 1980, it was a different universe than we're in now,” says Looney.

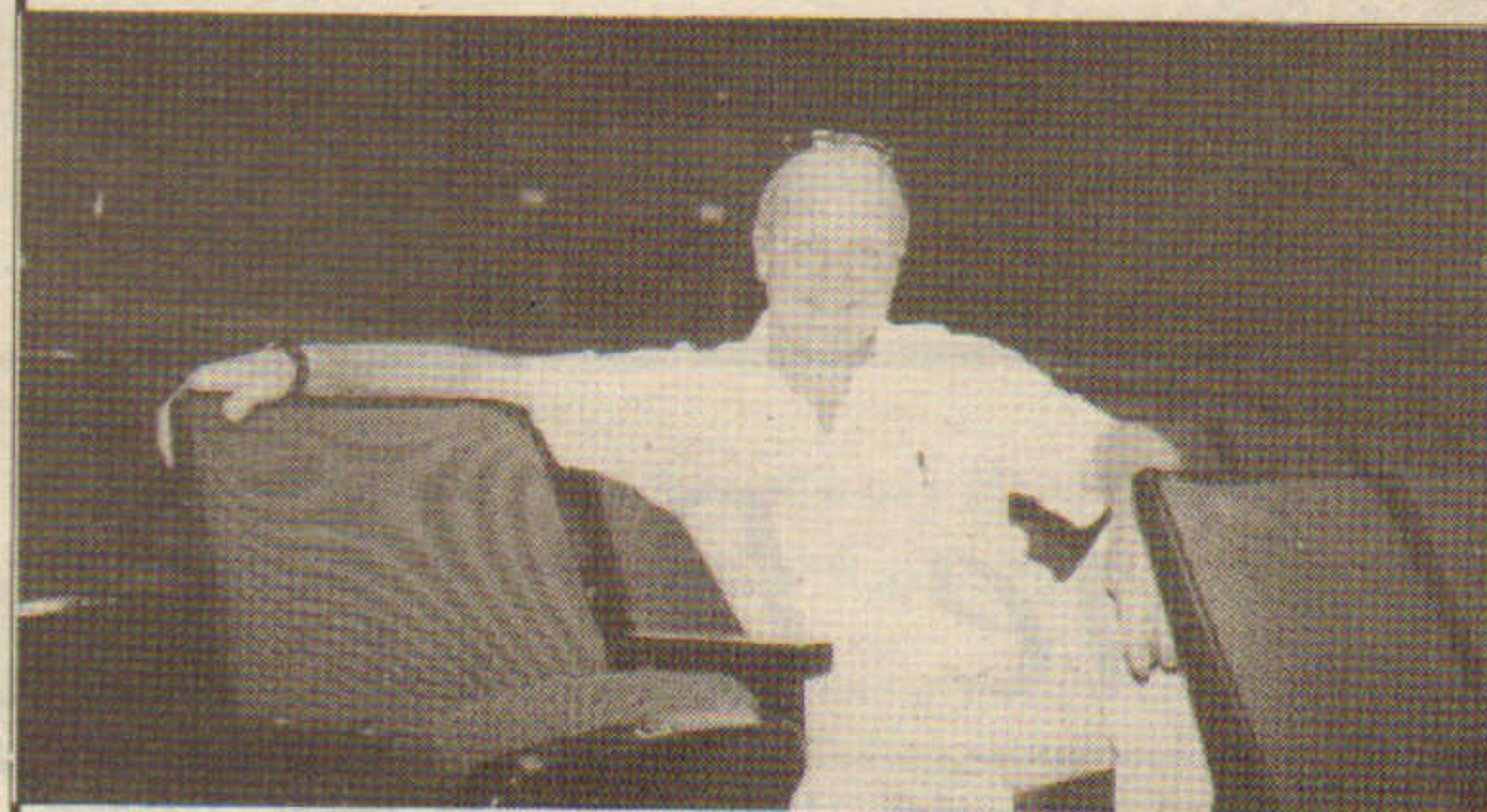
Referring to the lack of general support from the community and the absence of a central facil-

ity from which to work, Theatre Tuscaloosa has come a long way from garage storages and warehouse practice halls.

Looney was hired when community theatre in Tuscaloosa was at its lowest ebb. Looney himself reveres the old crowd of Tuscaloosa Community Players who bravely staged productions in the 1970's with little support and less leadership. He had just finished his Master of Fine Arts degree from the University of Alabama and he and his wife, Susan, had reasons for wanting to stay around in West Alabama.

At the same time, Shelton State was just beginning to establish itself as a college entity and was looking for affordable ways to enhance its programs. A mar-

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Best Seat in the House—As much as the whole Shelton family is enjoying the finishing of the Bean-Brown Theatre, the most satisfaction must be felt by Shelton's Paul Looney

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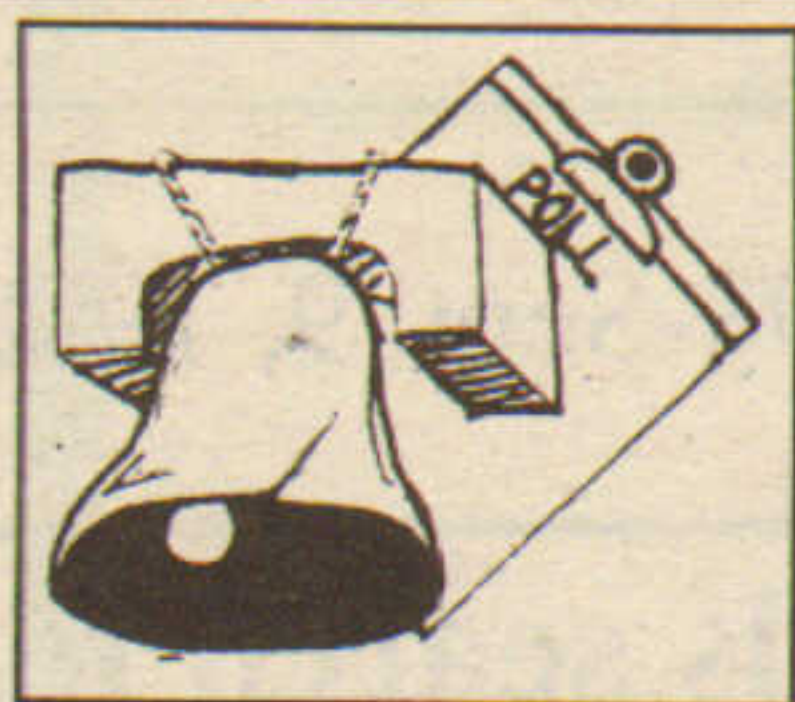
The is the last *Courier* from the inaugural new series year. The newspaper is planning 18 issues for the coming year: two each in September, October, November, February, March and April; one each month is scheduled for December, January, May, June, July and August. Let us know what you would like to know about Shelton by calling the publisher at 391-2278.



Ever dream of working for the Mouse? These Shelton State students, (L-R) Teresa Hoisington, Kimberly McMillan and Polly Poovey, did and they pulled it off through the Walt Disney World College Program. Selected students spend a semester at work and in seminars throughout the park. Disney recruiters plan to be on campus at Shelton in October

The Bell Poll

By: Louis Bell



93%

of Shelton
Freshmen are
optimistic about
going to Shelton

Wide eyes of amazement, eagerness, and fear were seen on the Shelton campus as freshman registration began. I decided to break the ice with the new students and ask them some questions about themselves and the upcoming year at Shelton.

I asked 60 freshmen questions about their expected participation in extracurricular activities at Shelton.

Intramural sports have yet to catch on at Shelton, but 18% of the Freshmen showed some interest; 30% of the new students plan on attending plays at Shelton.

The Shelton food court should be buzzing with hungry freshmen this semester as 82% said they plan to eat there.

I was interested in how involved the freshmen were in Shelton and the University of Alabama sports. I asked the freshmen if they planned on attending any Shelton or U.A. sporting events. 53% said they would attend Shelton's sports, a few more said they would at-

tend U.A.'s events (63%).

I wondered what the first impressions were of the Shelton Campus and how the freshman felt about the upcoming year.

I found that 48% of the freshmen had an excellent first impression of Shelton and 43% had a good first impression. The overwhelming majority of freshmen are viewing the upcoming year optimistically: 93%.

I was curious, with all the stress of registration, how many freshmen knew what their major would be and if they planned on studying any technical fields of study at Shelton. Seventy percent of the freshmen knew exactly what their major would be.

And I was surprised to see that a large amount of the freshmen, 78%, planned to do some studying in technical fields at Shelton.

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The Bell Poll

Do you plan participating in intramural sports?

No-82%
Yes-18%

Do you plan to eat at the Shelton food court?

Yes-82%
No-18%

What was your first impression of Shelton?

Excellent -48%
Good-43%
Alright-7%
Bad-2%

Top Seven majors of entering Freshmen.

Nursing
Business
Computer Science
Cosmetology
Criminal Justice
Office administration
Education
Respiratory Therapy

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The Shelton State Courier is a "campus newspaper" written and produced with the help of students.

Among other functions, it is intended as a vehicle for student

expression and all students are urged to participate with submissions of written and artistic material.

The college seeks to fulfill the statement for academic freedom in working with the students in the production of this paper:

"The college seeks to provide an atmosphere conducive to open and honest intellectual inquiry in any college forum which is appropriate for dialogue and student participation. The students should feel free to exercise the right to dissent within limits of decorum and good taste."

All publications are subject to review by the Publications Action Group, which has been delegated the responsibility to review all college publications for content and accuracy.

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a General Education Division. Britt Turner, the Technical dean, tirelessly promotes the practicality of technical classes and looks gleefully to the forthcoming year.

"We are starting a new program in the heavy equipment operation, teaching people how to drive big Tonka Trucks and bulldozers," Turner said teasingly.

"We are expanding our machine tool program further into the high schools. We've got 16 new high school students joining that program. We are blowing out the walls in electronics. Even though the economy is strong, we are seeing an increase in enrollment in the Technical Division because of the great opportunity education gives students beyond entry level."

In a *Courier* mass-interview session with incoming freshmen, most students seemed genuinely excited about starting at Shelton State.

"I would like to play sports. I want to go out and meet new people because this is my freshman year," said Genenia Skipper.

Because of the atmosphere and mood of Shelton State, many new students chose this campus after the hustle and bustle of the University of Alabama.

Brook English made her decision easily. "Instead of going to a four-year college, I chose to come here. You can get a lot more attention."

Esther Davis said she isn't ready for large-University life because "everything is so laid back here at Shelton."

Shelton State has definitely come a long way from the three-hour registration wait at the old Skyland Campus. There are more open dates and times for freshmen registration. There is also more information available for freshmen students choosing their classes.

The attractiveness of Shelton

State to incoming freshmen is helped also by the new campus. With the new business coming into Taylorville, students who work and go to school will be able to find work nearby. This will make the pressure of work and school ease a little.

Student parking and traffic into Shelton is a freshman concern.

The anticipation is building and the new freshman class is about to embark on what experts say will be the best years of their lives.

No one wants to be late to their first class in college. Andy Ballard, a transfer student from Jacksonville State says, "I'll probably come early the first couple of weeks until I figure out exactly how late I can sleep and still make it to class on time without getting caught up in traffic."

New students from the areas around Shelton State will probably see many of the same faces they saw in high school and feel right at home.

Freshman Brian Taylor said, "It's not that much of a shock to come here. I know a lot of these people, so it's kind of like high school."

Incoming students from out of town are in for a real treat. If you're going to come to Tuscaloosa at any time, make it during the fall. Football season, City Fest, parties, concerts, and the prettiest fall weather anywhere are what these people can expect.

Freshmen say they expect to meet a lot of new people. "I moved from a town of 3,000 people and it was a culture shock coming here. Bigger, better, and more fun," said one.

To many students, new and old, Shelton serves as but a step on

the ladder of their educational career.

Freshman Peter Johnson says, "I want to concentrate on my books, so I can transfer in Spring or Summer of '99."

Jamie Parker is taking the same course, "Next semester I probably will get involved, but I plan to concentrate on my school right now."

The thing that makes many new students comfortable at Shelton State may be the fact that the school itself is almost as new to this as they are. Many faculty members are still getting used to the campus inside and out, the traffic, and the surrounding community. It feels good to students to see teachers with a look of confusion on their faces that matches their own.

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riage contract was written then that has survived 18 years of give and take, and ups and downs.

To this day, Looney has a difficult time explaining all the details of his relationships with both Theatre Tuscaloosa and Shelton State. Suffice it to say that he is the director of both, using the manpower of the college to help produce his well-received productions and using the productions as a teaching tool for his college students.

When the new Shelton College campus was "complete" in July of 1997 there was at least one conspicuous shortcoming. There was an impressive tower where the theatre was supposed to be, but there wasn't enough money to put in the seats and purchase the equipment needed. "That could have been a disaster and it seemed so at the time," Looney says. But he has also always felt that his theatre program was somehow subject to divine intervention that makes things work out for the best.

"The college officials came forward and said that if Theatre Tuscaloosa could raise the money to complete the theatre it could be theirs. I went to our board and they were happy to take on the challenge." Thus the marriage between the college and Theatre Tuscaloosa has become enhanced with community property ownership.

"I am so excited that no one can imagine," says Looney. "Just imagine your most wild fantasies coming true. That is what has happened to me. I dreamed of these things back in 1980, but I didn't dare mention them to Leo Sumner, Tom Umphrey and Arthur Howington. They would have had me committed or at least fired me."

Instead, these Shelton State administrators shared Looney's vision for a first-rate theatrical program, to the extent he would let them in on his plans.

"I believe Theatre Tuscaloosa really helped establish the college," Looney says. "We started putting on all of our material 'in cooperation with Shelton State Community College' and people began to realize that good things we're happening at the college. When we did first-rate work, the community began to take a closer look at all of the college's teachers and programs."

The mutual-nurturing relationship between Shelton and Theatre Tuscaloosa will mean great new things for students. Having a professional-quality theatre with wardrobe, lighting, sound and other systems available will allow the college to produce student productions for the first time.

As a matter of fact, Looney seems as excited, if not more, about the production of *Our Town* from Nov. 4-8 as he is the first Brown-Bean production (of *My Fair Lady*) by Theatre Tuscaloosa Oct. 16-18 and 22-25.

Our Town will be the first show in the inaugural season for the Shelton State Theatre Department. "The show will be open for the whole community to participate in, but we will be concentrating mostly on students, giving them a showcase for their talent and the opportunity to work with professionals in a professional setting," explains a very proud Paul Looney.

More than 20,000 people pay tickets to see Theatre Tuscaloosa plays each year and the enterprise has been cited by various groups as one of the mainstays of quality-of-life claims for West Alabama.

The name of Shelton State has enjoyed the prestige of Looney's theatrical enterprise for the last two decades and now they have both taken a tremendous leap forward.

The Tuscaloosa Fine Arts Center at Shelton State is a set-up that is unique in this area. The Bean-Brown Theatre, completed with the generosity of Mr. A.H. Bean, seats

450. The Alabama Power Recital Hall across the hall from the theatre is a cozy spot for 100, just right for intimate musical productions. There is also the Wilson Carr Rehearsal Hall, a music studio for instruction, and choral and orchestral practice rooms. The art department and dance department also have galleries and studios nearby.

But, of course, it is the grandiose theatre that has the visionary Paul Looney so excited. He insists that the new Shelton stage has fea-

tures that rival anything in the Southeast, including the Shakespeare Theatre in Montgomery. "We have the technology of the late 90's," says Looney. An orchestra pit, dressing rooms for a cast of 50, and ample room for flying scenery make Looney's heart soar and his thespian's voice croon in delight.

The culmination of a lifetime of work and perseverance has finally born fruit here on campus. Theatre Tuscaloosa, Shelton and the rest of Tuscaloosa can't wait to see the next act.

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Students!

If you are interested in participating in a new Student Government Association, note that there will be an organizational meeting in the Atrium Sept. 14 at noon. Everyone is invited...

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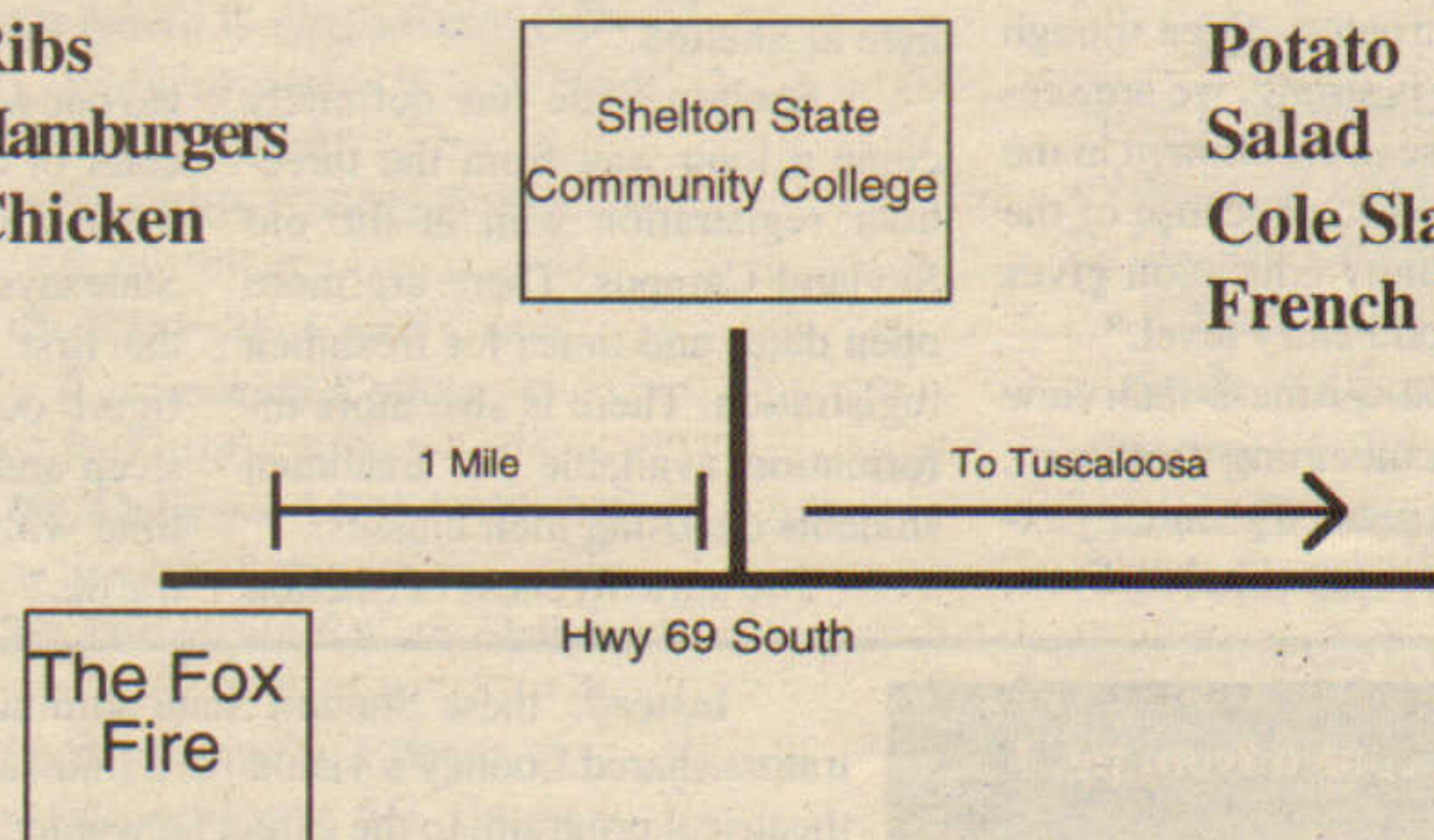
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By Mark G. Sullivan, V.P. and Chief Operating Officer of the Bank of Tuscaloosa

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You simply cannot afford to put off saving and investing now and beginning your journey on the road to financial freedom.

Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer ... *anywhere in the world!*

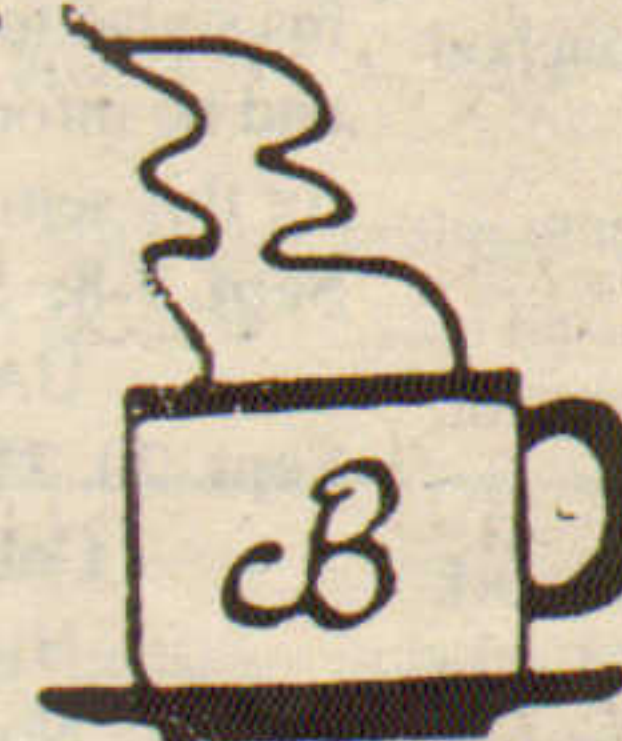


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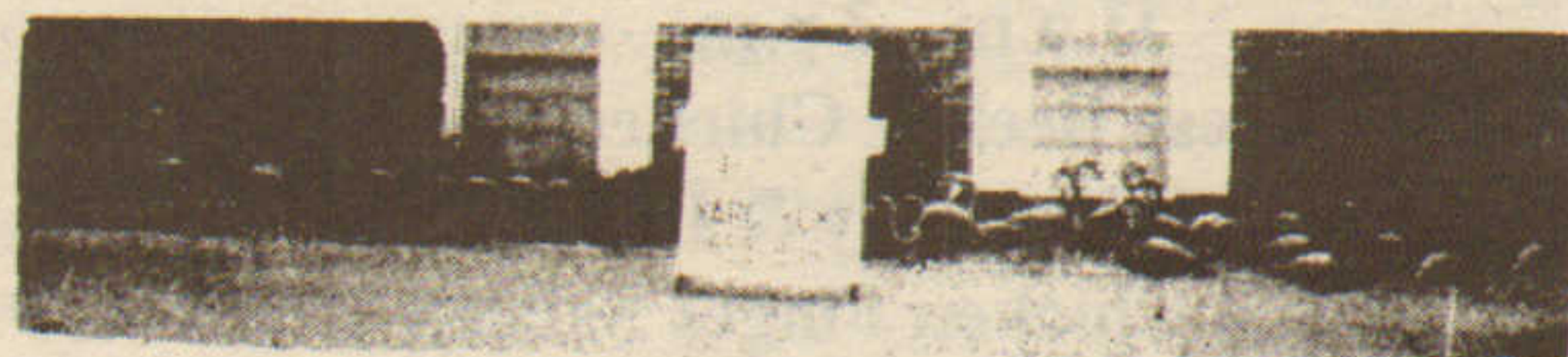


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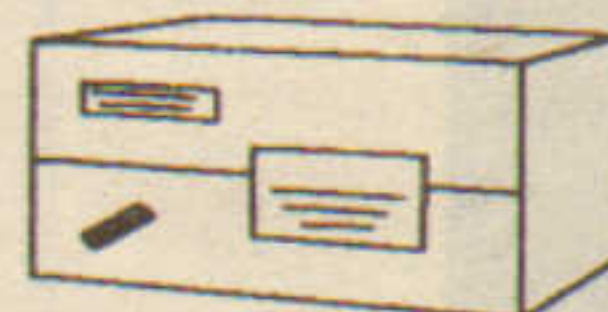


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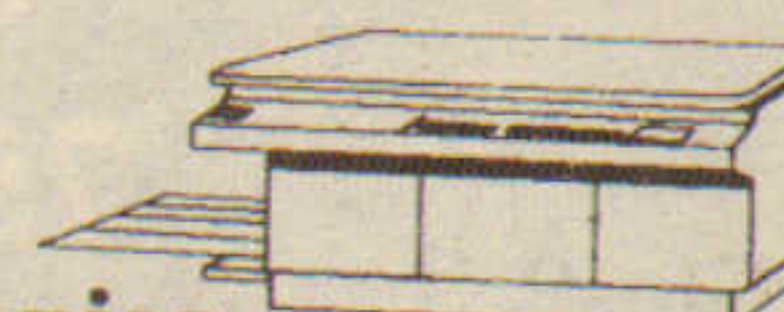
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Sports Roundup

By Paul Gonnering

New Men's Basketball coach Barry Mohun is getting to know the guys

Courier: What team did you come from, and what position did you hold there?

Mohun: I was head coach the last four years at Prattville High School in Prattville. Last year my team went 27-8 and got to the final four in the state tournament.

Courier: How long have you been coaching basketball?

Mohun: Seven years total.

Courier: Have you ever coached at the college level?

Mohun: Yes, for two years at Northeast Louisiana.

Courier: What expectations do you have for the season?

Mohun: It's still early. My work ethic requires that the team do a lot of conditioning, and I know my team will be in good shape and ready to play.

Courier: What type of defense can we expect to see?

Mohun: Full-court pressure, half-court pressure. We will be running a lot of traps.

Courier: And what about the Buc's offense?

Mohun: Fast-paced, run and gun, a lot of fast breaks.

Courier: Who will be our standout players this year?

Mohun: Like I said before, I'm still getting to know the guys. I'll talk more with you soon.

Courier: How do you see us finishing this year?

Mohun: Again, it's early, but I am excited about our chances.

Golf team releases fall schedule

Coach Jim Collins recently exhorted his squad to "work on your short game," and he informed them of their competition for this semester:

Sept. 7-8: Shelton Shoot-Out,
UA Golf Course

Sept. 20, 21, 22 Southern Junior College Invitational
Hidden Meadows Club,
Northport, Ala.

Oct. 4, 5, 6: Eagle Invitational
Briarwood Country
Club, Meridian, Miss.

Oct. 18, 19, 20: Gadsden Invitational,
Silver Lakes

Nov. 8, 9, 10: Alabama Intercollegiate,

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Soccer Team's First game is Saturday

Do you want to get in the Buccaneer spirit right away? The best way may be to root on your classmates. The women's soccer squad is about to play its first game.

Here's their schedule:

Aug. 29: Mississippi Gulf Coast C.C. @
Shelton, 4p.m.

Sept. 5: Truett-McConnell College @
Shelton, 10:30 a.m.

Sept. 8: Hinds C.C. @ Raymond, Miss.,
4p.m.

Sept. 12: Truett-McConnell College @
Cleveland, Ga., 1 p.m. (Eastern)

Sept. 13: North Georgia State College and University @ Dahlonega, Ga., 1 p.m. (Eastern)

Sept. 16: Andrew College @ Shelton State, 3 p.m.

Sept. 18: Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, @
Perkinston, Miss., 4 p.m.

Sept. 20: Alabama A&M University @
Shelton, 1 p.m.

Sept. 22: Perimeter C.C. @ Shelton, 4 p.m.

Sept. 26: Huntingdon College @
Montgomery, Ala., 5p.m.

Oct. 1: Young-Harris College @ Young-Harris, Ga., 3 p.m. (Eastern)

Oct. 2: Toccoa Falls College @ Toccoa, Ga., 5p.m.

Oct. 6: Hinds C.C. @ Shelton, 3:30 p.m.

Oct. 11: Gordon College @ Shelton, 1p.m.

Oct. 17: Brevard College @ Decatur, Ga., 2 p.m. (Eastern)

Oct. 18: Perimeter C.C. @ Decatur, Ga., 2 p.m. (Eastern)

Oct. 20: Alabama A&M University @ Huntsville, 4 p.m.

Oct. 24: Andrew College @ Cuthbert, Ga., 1 p.m. (Eastern)

Oct. 25: Gordon College @ Barnesville, Ga., 1 p.m. (Eastern)

Nov. 12-15: NJCAA District Tournament, TBA

Nov. 19-22: NJCAA National Tournamnet, TBA

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Bridgette Lindsey*
Tiffany Kirk
Faith Williams
Amanda Killam*
Dana Crawford
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Phi theta Kappa will meet every Wednesday at 2 p.m. at 2 p.m. in D4 in the Cafeteria area. **Phi Theta Kappa will sponsor "Sign Up 98" days in the Atrium on Sept. 9 (Wednesday) and September (Thursday) from 9-2 so that students will be able to find out about student organizations and opportunities at SSCC.** Research reveals that the students who are the most involved in student activities are the ones with the best grades, so make plans now to come to the Atrium on Sept. 9 and 10 to sign up!

It's the hottest ticket in town! Come down to Shelton State's new campus on Thursday, Sept. 17, for the Shelton State Foundation annual BBQ Bash! A delicious barbecue dinner will be served beginning at 6 p.m., and bingo—with lots of great prizes—starts at 7 p.m. A silent Auction begins at 5:30 p.m. The cost is only \$20 and includes dinner and four bingo cards. Call 391-2298 for tickets or for more information

The State Board has authorized the sale of Skyland Property, Former home of Shelton State. On July 14, the Alabama State Board of Education authorized Shelton State, subject to the final approval of the Chancellor, Dr. Fred Gainous, and the Chancellor's legal office, to sell its Skyland Boulevard Campus. The old campus was vacated two years ago with the building of the new Martin Campus on Old Greensboro Rd. The actual sale of the property will require further approval by the Governor of the State. The proposed sale price of the property is \$2,350,000.

Shelton Food Court "Interactive Newspaper" Corner

President Clinton chooses the slow white Bronco ride into oblivion

What the nation watched Monday night at 9 p.m. (CST) was something we may remember for a long time; indeed, it may be one of those moments you can tell people years from now where you were and whom you were with when you experienced it.

You often hear baby boomers of a certain age say they can tell you where they were when they heard about President Kennedy's assassination. More recently, people felt this way about the announcement of Princess Diana's death or the explosion of the *Challenger*. How about Hank Aaron's 715th home run?

Earth-shaking? Momentous? The beginning of a new era? The end of an old one?

The president's speech itself was not very memorable. You could tell that by the way people couldn't agree on anything about it. Was it revealing? Was it conciliatory? Did it save his hide or not?

No. The president's rhetorical performance has nothing to do with whether or not we'll remember this moment. What is amazing is that the most powerful person in the world, the fellow with his finger on the finger of a nuclear arsenal. The guy who can have whatever he wants for dinner every night—and not make his wife cook it either—went on every network to tell us a bit about his sex life.

Wow! As we used to say in the old days: Who'd a thunk that would ever happen?

I am amazed, flabbergasted and perplexed, and I have only two observations with limited insight to make.

One, if a person as high up in a gigantic business concern as President Clinton is in the multi-million employee U.S. government were to have had an "inappropriate relationship" with someone as lowly as an intern, the board of directors would find a way to bury him *beneath* the corporate doghouse. Profits, as we all know, are much more important than presidents. Image is, after all, everything.

Second, what in the world was the most powerful dude in the world doing on television talking obliquely about his sex life anyway?

What if he had just yelled, "Impeach me! Impeach me! Go on, I dare you! Impeach me!"

In my opinion President William Jefferson Clinton did not rise to the occasion at any moment in this whole sordid mess. What would his hero John F. Kennedy had done?

Yes. What we witnessed Monday at 10 was unforgettable. The end of an era.

You know it's one thing to kill your ex-wife in a jealous rage. Check out Shakespeare. But it's something else again to allow yourself to be put in a position where you just have to lie for the rest of your life... Lie and explain. Lie and explain.

To me, President Clinton has now taken his slow white Bronco ride into historical oblivion.

—Tita Shell

Presented by the Shelton Food Court off the Atrium in Shelton State Community College

The response to last issue's column on "Is it a Sin to be Gay" was tremendous—both positively and negatively. That's what we want! Keep it up.

PRO—

"Acceptance isn't another profane word, y'know.

"Not everyone can be force-fed the same doctrines and form the same straight lines and march in step.

"That's the beauty of this forum. Let's make this newspaper, and particularly this column, a viable place for discussion and debate.

"Acceptance is what is needed all-round, or division will rip this world asunder.

"The time when no differing voices are heard is the time to be truly afraid."

Anthony Mack

CON—

Michelle Wyatt composed an extensive Biblical response. She vehemently opposed the notion that the Bible isn't an intricate part of our daily lives.

"God's written Word must be our ultimate guide to truth and practice. We must use God's Word, given by the Holy Spirit, as our full and sufficient guide by which to judge what we believe and do.

"The tendency within some churches to base doctrine, practice or new truth on subjective experiences, will be one of Satan's chief means of deception in the apostasy of the last days."

Michelle Wyatt

For a run-down of the day's menu, call the menu hotline at 391-2336

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